

Amendments to the CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (currently amended) A method of validating an entrance to an event site, comprising the steps of:

registering a portable terminal device with a ticket issue server;

loading a software on the portable terminal device;

accessing the ticket issue server through a network by the portable terminal device to request an issuance of ticket data;

accepting a request for the ticket data at the ticket issue server and transmitting the ticket data instead of a physical ticket to the portable terminal device in response to the request, the ticket data including a script configured for execution at the portable terminal device; and

receiving the ticket data by the portable terminal device;

executing the script at the portable terminal device the script being configured to perform the following only if the software is loaded at the portable terminal device:

display a first image at the portable terminal device, the first image including an input field;

allow a user to enter a password in the input field;

determine whether the password is valid; and

display a second image upon determination that the password is valid;

wherein the first and second images comprise at least one of a predetermined graphic, one or more predetermined character strings and a bar code, both the first and the second images are used to validate entry at the event site and the password is supplied to the user of the portable terminal device upon arrival at the event site.

Claim 4 (previously presented) A method of validating an entrance to an event site, comprising the steps of:

registering a portable terminal device with a ticket issue server;

loading a software on the portable terminal device;

accessing the ticket issue server through a network by the portable terminal device to request an issue of ticket data;

accepting a request for the ticket data at the ticket issue server and transmitting the ticket data in place of a physical ticket to the portable terminal device in response to the request;

receiving the ticket data by the portable terminal device, the ticket data being configured to cause the portable terminal device to perform the following only if the software is loaded at the portable terminal device:

display a first image on a display of the portable terminal device, the first image including an input field;

allow a user to enter a password in the input field;

determine whether the password is valid; and

display a second image upon determination that the password is valid; and

reading the first and second images visibly reproduced on the display for determining whether or not the ticket data is authentic,

wherein the first and second images are visibly reproduced on a display of the portable terminal device in a form comprising at least one of a predetermined graphic, one or more predetermined character strings and a bar code, and the password is provided to the user upon arrival at the event site.

Claim 5 (currently amended) A method of validating an entrance to an event site, comprising the steps of:

loading a software on the portable terminal device;

accessing a reception server through a network by a portable terminal device to request issuance of ticket data;

transmitting a message comprising a first password and an address of a ticket issue server to the requesting portable terminal device from the reception server;

receiving the message by the portable terminal device and addressing the ticket issue server according to the address in the received message and inputting the first password in the received message to thereby gain access to the ticket issue server;

transmitting the ticket data in lieu of a physical ticket to the requesting portable terminal device from the ticket issue server upon confirmation of the inputted first password; and

receiving the ticket data by the portable terminal device, the ticket data comprising a script configured for execution at the portable terminal device and to cause the portable terminal device to perform the following only if the software is loaded at the portable terminal device:

generate a first audio or visual message by the portable terminal device,

display an input field;

allow a user to enter a second password in the input field;

determine whether the password is valid; and

generate a second audio or visual message upon determination that the second password is valid;

wherein the ~~the~~ second password is provided to the user upon arrival at the event site.

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (previously presented) The method according to claim 5, further comprising examining the first and second messages to determine whether or not the ticket data is authentic.

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (currently amended) A system for validating an entrance to an event site comprising a portable terminal device and a ticket issue server, said portable terminal device comprising, a preloaded authentication software; an accessing section that is operated to access a ticket issue server through a network to make a request for issuance of ticket data; a receiving section that receives the ticket data from the ticket issue server, the ticket data including a script; and a script execution section that executes the script to cause the portable terminal device to perform the following only if the authentication software is loaded at the portable terminal device:

display a first image at the portable terminal device, the first image including an input field, allow a user to enter a password in the input field, said password being provided to the user upon arrival at the event site, determine whether the password is valid; and display a second image upon determination that the password is valid, the first and second images comprising at least one of a predetermined graphic, one or more predetermined character strings and a bar code and being used for validating entry at the event site; and said ticket issue server being connected to the portable terminal device through the network and comprising

an accepting section that accepts the request from the portable terminal device for issuing the ticket data, and

a transmitting section that transmits the ticket data through the network instead of a physical ticket to the portable terminal device in response to the request.

Claim 12 (currently amended) A system for validating an entrance to an event site comprising a portable terminal device, a ticket issue server and a reading device, said portable terminal device comprising:

a preloaded authentication software;

an accessing section that is operated to access a ticket issue server through a network to make a request for issuance of ticket data;

a receiving section that receives the ticket data from the ticket issue server; and

an output section that based on the ticket data causes the portable terminal device to perform the following only if the authentication software is loaded at the portable terminal device:

display a first image at the portable terminal device, the first image including an input field,

allow a user to enter a password in the input field, said password being provided upon arrival at the event site,

determine whether the password is valid; and

display a second image upon determination that the password is valid, the first and second images comprising at least one of a predetermined graphic, one or more predetermined character strings and a bar code and being used for validating entry at the event site; and

said ticket issue server being connected to the portable terminal device through the network and comprising

an accepting section that accepts the request from the portable terminal device for issuing the ticket data, and

a transmitting section that transmits the ticket data through the network instead of a physical ticket to the portable terminal device in response to the request,

said reading device being provided at the event site and reading the first and second images visibly reproduced on a display of the portable terminal device to determine whether or not the ticket data is authentic.

Claim 13 (previously presented) A system comprising a ticket issue server, a reception server and a portable terminal device connected to the ticket issue server and the reception server through a network for validating an entrance to an event site,

wherein the portable terminal device comprises a preloaded software, an accessing section that is operated to access the reception server through the network to make a request for issuance of ticket data, a first receiving section that receives a message comprising a password and an address of the ticket issue server from the reception server, an addressing section that addresses the ticket issue server according to the address in the received message for inputting the password in the received message to thereby gain access to the ticket issue server, a second receiving section that receives the ticket data from the ticket issue server, the ticket data including a script, and an output section that executes the script to reproduce the ticket data in a visible or audible form at the event site in place of a physical ticket for validating of the entrance to the event site,

wherein the script reproduces the ticket data only if the preloaded software is loaded at the portable terminal device, and reproducing the data in visible or audio form includes reproducing a first visible or audio message, allowing a user to enter a second password provided at the event site and reproducing a second video or audio message if the second password is correct, both the first and second messages being used for validating entrance at the event site;

wherein the reception server comprises a transmitting section that transmits the message comprising the password and the address of the ticket issue server to the portable terminal device in response to the request from the portable terminal device,

wherein the ticket issue server comprises a transmitting section that transmits the ticket data in lieu of a physical ticket to the portable terminal device upon confirmation of the inputted password,

wherein the first and second messages comprise at least one of a predetermined graphic, one or more predetermined character strings and a bar code.

Claim 14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (previously presented) The system according to claim 13, further comprising a reading device that is provided at the event site and that reads the first and second messages reproduced by the portable terminal device for determining whether or not the ticket data is authentic.

Claim 17 (previously presented) The method according to claim 3 further comprising the steps of:

storing user registration IDs and second passwords in a registrant database for users qualified to receive tickets;

searching a registrant database at the ticket issue server on the basis of a user registration ID and a second password comprised in the request, in order to verify a user who has initiated the request; and

sending an HTML document associated with the event site from the ticket issue server to the portable terminal device, in the event that the user is verified.

Claim 18 (previously presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein the second image is visibly reproduced on the display of the portable terminal device in a form comprising a bar code, such that the bar code may be read by an image sensor, a bar code reader, or an optical character reader for an automatic machine authentication.

Claim 19 (previously presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the ticket issue server further comprises

a registrant database configured to store user registration IDs and second passwords for users qualified to receive tickets and to perform a search on the basis of a user registration ID and a second password comprised in the request, in order to verify a user who has initiated the request; and

wherein the transmitting section transmits an HTML document associated with the event site from the ticket issue server to the portable terminal device, in the event that the user is verified.

Claim 20 (previously presented) The system according to claim 12, wherein the second image is visibly reproduced on the display of the portable terminal device in a form comprising a bar code, such that the bar code may be read by an image sensor, a bar code reader, or an optical character reader for an automatic machine authentication.